

III. Europeans Compete in North America

A. Conflicts in Europe

1. Religious Conflicts

- a. following Martin Luther & Protestant Reformation
- b. several European states split from Roman Catholic church
- c. John Calvin's teachings further influenced reformation
- d. King Henry VIII split with church
 - 1.) K.H VIII's wife Catherine of Aragon had only girls
 - 2.) King wanted annulment- Pope refused
 - 3.) K. H. VIII breaks with church-
 - 4.) Sets up Church of England

2. Economic Conflicts

- a. religious conflicts made rivalries btwn states worse
- b. wars were common- *alliances* shifted
- c. European rulers did not trust each other
- d. led to search for lands to colonize
 - 1.) colonies would provide gold
 - 2.) needed to pay for wars
- e. Mercantilism- (belief that colonies existed to make home country wealthy and powerful)

3. Politics of English Throne

- a. K.H. VIII died
- b. Throne passed to Queen Mary I- (Catholic)
 - 1.) planned to restore R. C. Church in England
 - 2.) died before she could
- c. Throne passed to Elizabeth I- (Protestant)
 - 1.) kept Church of England
 - 2.) renewed rivalry with R.C. Spain

4. Spanish Armada

- a. English raided Spanish ships at sea
- b. England was helping Spanish rebels win independence for Holland
- c. Spain sends 130 warships to force Elizabeth I from throne of England
- d. Smaller faster British ships defeat Spanish Armada
- e. defeat changes balance of power at sea
- f. Spain weakened- lost control of sea
- g. Opened way for French and English colonies in new world

B. Asia Beckons- Northern Voyages

1. John Cabot- Italian born

- a. Sailed for England
- b. Looked for northern route to Asia
- c. 2 trips- explored coast of North America
- d. disappeared with out a trace

e. trips proved that Columbus did not reach Asia

2. Northwest Passage- (sea route from Atlantic to Pacific through or around N.A.)

3. Verrazano- Italian- sailed for French

- a. explored Atlantic coast from North Carolina to New Foundland
- b. discovered mouth of Hudson River and N. Y. Bay

4. Cartier- French

- a. 3 trips to N.A. for France
- b. discovered St. Lawrence River
- c. went as far west as today's Montreal

5. Henry Hudson

- a. 4 voyages to find Northwest Passage
- b. 2 for British- unsuccessful
- c. 1 for Dutch- explored Hudson River
- d. 1 more for British
 - 1.) explored Artic Ocean
 - 2.) found Hudson Bay
 - 3.) crew mutinied after winter in Arctic
 - 4.) Hudson and others set adrift- died in Hudson Bay